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VILLAGES COVERED BY RRBs
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages and cities semi-urban and urban, districts and States covered by Regional rural banks in the country;

(b) the number of outstanding loan during the last three years;

(c) the number of persons benefited by these banks so far; and

(d) the number of districts, States and Union Territories not covered by RRBs so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) The existing system does not generate village related information. However, as on March 2004, 196 Regional Rural Banks were operating in 26 States covering 518 districts. As per report of Reserve Bank of India cut of a total 14423 branches of RRBs operating as on December 31, 2004, 11825 were operating in rural areas, 2153 in Semi-Urban areas and 445 numbers in Urban/ Metropolitan areas.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.